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Research boards for suggesting means for remedying irrigation defects.

* 104 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to an article published in the *Hindu* and the *Madras Mail* of 22nd March 1938 regarding defective irrigation facilities in certain districts and formation of research boards for suggesting improvements, and if so, what action, if any, has been taken in the matter; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to act in the manner suggested in the article?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" The question presumably refers to a letter published in the *Hindu* and *Madras Mail* of 22nd March 1938. The Government have perused the letter in question and do not consider it necessary to form research boards for suggesting improvements."

Appointment of Mr. Atmuri Nageswara Rao as Special Officer of Arinigedda panchayat, Divi taluk, Kistna district.

* 105. *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI on behalf of Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Atmuri Nageswara Rao, Special Officer of Arinigedda panchayat, Divi taluk, Kistna, was on the date of his appointment to the said office, President of the East Kistna Congress Committee of otherwise connected with any Congress Committees;

(*b*) on whose recommendation or on what information was the said appointment made;

(*c*) whether any petitions and representations were sent to the Government making certain allegations against the special officer; if so, what action have the Government taken on them;

(*d*) whether there is a proposal to extend the term of the office of the said special officer and if so, on what grounds; and

(*e*) what the pay of the special officer is and what his educational qualifications are; who the persons recommended are by the district board president and what their qualifications are?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The appointment was made by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards under the powers delegated to him by Government under section 45-A of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920. The Government have no other information.